

E-HAPPENINGS

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

September 2-19, 2008

NEWS

Fall Semester Begins With Promise

Fall semester begins on a bright note at Western. The Beck Library on the Fallon campus has many improvements, thanks to a renovation funded by the Beck family. Students will find more electronic resources, more public access computers, new computer desks, new furniture and shelving, and a new circulation desk. At the Carson City campus, progress continues on the ADA improvement project. The Bristlecone Building is now accessible from both the main east side entrance, and from the west entrance. Work continues on the north end and in the main spine of the building. At right, workers install new lighting. <http://www.wnc.edu/ada.php>



Academic Skills Tutors Ready to Help Students

Academic Skills Centers in Carson City and Fallon have opened and are ready to help students stay on track in their studies with free tutoring. At the Carson City campus, tutors will circulate around the college to discuss their services with students, in addition to their presence at Bristlecone 330. Tutoring is also offered at the Douglas campus and online. The number of students taking advantage of free tutoring services more than doubled last year, and tutoring continues to be an important part of encouraging student success.

<http://www.wnc.edu/student-services/asc/>

More Good News for Students. . .

Soroptimist International Club's Carson City chapter has donated \$1,000 to the college's Support Our Students Book Fund. The Academic Faculty Senate organized and supports the fund, which is overseen by Counseling Services.

EVENTS

Latino Student Club Hosts Talent Show and Dance Contest



Friday, Sept. 19: 6 p.m.

Sarah Winnemucca Hall- Carson City campus

WNC Students with I.D. - \$1; Adults - \$3; Children under 12 - \$2

With comedians, dancers, magicians, jugglers and whatever other types of talent show up, an entertaining evening is promised at the Latino Student Club's first Talent Show and Dance Contest. There will be prizes for both dancing and talent winners. All are invited to enter. Signups are Monday, Sept. 8. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-08-29b.php>

Foundation Golf Tournament Promises Fun and Prizes

Friday, Sept. 19, 9 am

Eagle Valley West Course - Carson City

Entry Fee: \$800 for business teams, and \$150 for individual golfers

To sign up, sponsor, or donate: 445-3240

Signups have been strong for the 11th annual WNC/Greater Nevada Credit Union

Golf Classic. Enjoy a continental breakfast and refreshments all day, closest to the hole prizes, tee prizes, a poker run and golf related raffle prizes. First place net and gross teams can look forward to coveted Wildcats baseball hats, season tickets and championship embroidered shirts. All proceeds benefit special projects at the college. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-06-19a.php>

NASA Scientist to Speak at WNC – Harlow Shapley Lecture

Saturday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.

Marlette Hall, Cedar Building – Carson City campus

Free Admission

Star Party to Follow at Observatory



Western celebrates the fifth anniversary of the Jack C. Davis Observatory with a star party and free lecture by a NASA scientist. The annual Harlow Shapley Lecture is offered by the American Astronomical Society. Dr. Dana Backman will speak about how planets are formed, in a lecture and video presentation. Star viewing through the observatory's telescopes will follow. Backman is director of outreach for SOFIA, a far-infrared telescope project. The 20-ton telescope is mounted in the rear fuselage of a highly modified Boeing 747 aircraft. The telescope research is one of the major components of NASA's Science Mission Directorate.

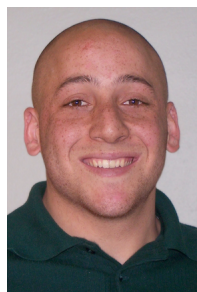
<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-09-03a.php>

Story of Inspiration Opens "Faces, Voices & Stories" Series

Thursday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m.

Marlette Hall, Cedar Building – Carson City campus

Free Admission



Kevin Hines loved performing in theatre and playing sports. That changed when he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder at age 17. He struggled to find a treatment, and in despair he attempted to take his own life during his freshman year of college. He jumped off of the Golden Gate Bridge and luckily became one of only 29 people to survive that 300-foot fall. Given a second chance at life, Kevin has since learned to deal with mental illness in a healthy way, and wants to share that story. Through speaking out, he provides a positive example to young people and those dealing with mental illness.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-08-25b.php>

Try Out for Campus Talent Show/Dance Contest

Monday, Sept. 8 5:30 p.m.

Marlette Hall – Carson City campus

Free entry for Talent Show; \$20 fee per couple entering Dance Contest

Both students and community members are welcome. Talent Show/Dance contest are Friday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-08-29b.php>

Welcome Back Celebration for Students

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.

Dini Student Center – Carson City campus

Free Admission

Event sponsored by the Associated Students of Western Nevada.
Enjoy pizza, drinks, music and more.

Wednesday, Sept. 10, Noon - 6 p.m.

Gazebo Patio – Fallon campus

Free Admission

Event sponsored by the Associated Students of Western Nevada.
Enjoy pizza, drinks, music and more.

ARTS

Fallon Art Gallery Opens With Photography Exhibit



Monday, Sept. 8 - Friday, Oct. 3

Reception: Thursday, Sept. 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Art Gallery - Fallon Campus – Virgil Getto Hall

"Irwin Sorkin: Platinum Prints" offers "fine art photography" which uses the skills he developed throughout his life as an artist, architect and photographer. It also embraces the formal instruction that Sorkin received in recent years in silver gelatin and platinum printing.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-08-21b.php>

Ranch Door, Reno, NV-2002

Art Faculty Showing Works in Opening Exhibition

Through Friday, Sept. 19/ Main Gallery - Carson City Campus – Bristlecone Building Admission: Free

Enjoy a colorful, diverse exhibit to open the 2008-2009 gallery season. Exhibitors include professors and instructors at the Carson City, Fallon and Douglas campuses. A broad range of formats include drawings, paintings, prints, traditional and digital photographs, ceramics, sculpture and mixed media. Shown at right is "1st Christine Drawing, 2008" by WNC Douglas art instructor Alison Harris. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2008-08-18a.php>



ATHLETICS

Baseball and Softball Teams Playing Fall Scrimmage Schedule



Cavin Hill (Fr.)
Reno HS Graduate

Western's baseball and softball teams are practicing daily and playing schedules have been announced. Come out and watch the teams play scrimmage games this fall! Home baseball scrimmages are played at John L. Harvey Field on the Carson City campus, and softball home scrimmages are played at Carson High School. WNC teams compete in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. Both teams begin play in Henderson on Friday, Jan. 30.

<http://www.wnc.edu/athletics/>



Ambar Huish (Fr.)
Lowry HS Graduate

COLLEGE CORNER

Kim Coker Earns July Employee Appreciation Award



Kim Coker of the Financial Assistance Office has been honored as the Classified Employee of the Month for July. Her wealth of knowledge regarding financial assistance is widely shared among students, staff and parents. She is a recognized source for all and always answers with a smile. Financial aid is a stressful department with many students needing help and little time to get all the paperwork done each semester. Her personal attributes were also cited by her nominator: "She is organized and carries out her responsibilities in a professional way. Everything is done in a timely

manner with attention to detail. Kim not only completes her work, but also anticipates what may be needed to be accomplished for future semesters."

Kudos - Virginia Hardie Earns Medical Degree

Western Mathematics Professor Mike Hardie's daughter, Virginia, has earned a Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Dr. Hardie will fulfill her residency in general surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Dr. Mike Hardie participated in the hooding ceremony. Congratulations!

HOLD THE DATE

Latino Community Day

Saturday, Oct. 11: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sarah Winnemucca Hall, Aspen Building – Carson City campus

Free Admission

Second annual Latino event on campus. Students, parents and families welcome. Enjoy a free lunch, tours, class and services information, children's activities and raffle prizes. The grand raffle prize pays for a three-credit course at Western.

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament

Thursday, Oct. 16: 6-11 p.m.

Peppermill Hotel Casino, Reno – Tahoe Ballroom 4th Floor

\$200 Entry Fee

Information: WNC Foundation: 445-3240

The annual no-limit poker tournament will benefit Western's Wildcats Baseball Team.

There will be ten prizes offered, including a grand prize of a one-year membership at Red Hawk Golf Course valued at \$4,000.

Annual Wildcats Athletics Fund-raiser

Friday, Jan. 16, 2009

Information: WNC Foundation: 445-3240

Guest speaker will be Adam Silver, deputy commissioner and chief operating officer for the National Basketball Association. Includes dinner and silent auction. Plan now to help raise funds for our baseball and softball teams!